

**2019 LMMS Music Department Walt Disney World Trip
Announcement and Behavioral Plan
Wed-Sun – May 15-19, 2019**

We would like to take this opportunity and give you a few details about the Music Department's upcoming Spring Trip. This information will give insight about the time frame, trip itinerary, fundraising opportunities, behavioral policy and such based on prior trip schedules. More details about the trip will follow as we get closer to the trip date. We especially want to stress the fundraising opportunities for your eighth grade student. **With the exception of the deposit (\$150.00) which must be paid by check or cash, all fundraising profits earned by your child will be applied to his/her trip balance.** We have had numerous students in the past who have raised enough through fundraising to pay for their entire trip. Encore/Cheesecake sales will take place in September with **40%** of the profit going straight to this trip. A special Poinsettia fund raiser for Disney participants only will take place in November. We offer these fundraisers so that all eligible students will have the opportunity to raise the funds necessary to attend the trip.

There will be an informational parent meeting in the LMMS Theater on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm, where parents and students will receive a packet of trip information and have the opportunity to participate in a Q/A session with the Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Directors.

Should your student choose to participate in this year's Disney trip, please know that they are joining a legacy—LMMS performance groups have participated in Disney's Magic Music Days Festival since 2002. These performances often become one of the highlights of the student's middle school experience. Last year's trip package was **\$775 per student** and we expect this year's trip to be more, but close to that. The package cost includes hotel accommodations, charter busses, one 3 day length of stay Passport to the Walt Disney World Resort including admission to Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios, 1 buffet breakfast at Rainforest Cafe, 3 buffet breakfasts at the hotel, and 3 - \$25 meal cards for use at the Walt Disney World Resort on park days. Trip payments will be spread out into 3 increments within a 4 month period.

We realize that this might be the first time your child may be traveling away from your family. Please be assured that your child's safety is our top priority on this trip. There will be one adult assigned to every 8 students and our rules, guidelines, and check-in points have been established to ensure the accountability and safety of each student. Due to the nature of this trip, behavioral policies, academic expectations, and trip guidelines have been established. Please realize that students attending the trip represent themselves, their families, their music programs, and Lost Mountain Middle School as a whole. Our trips have always been a great success due to the compliance of all classroom, school, and trip rules. **Please read the following Behavioral Policy used to determine a student's eligibility.**

LMMS Music Department's Behavioral Plan

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE - The band, chorus and orchestra are performing ensembles, and as such, regular attendance at rehearsals, clinics, and concerts is a necessity to ensure a quality, rewarding musical experience. The invitation to perform/workshop at Walt Disney World is a privilege and is considered a reward for the students' continued commitment to the Lost Mountain Middle School Music Program. Students are expected to attend all extra-curricular rehearsals, clinics, and concerts throughout the year. Please refer to your student's music handbook for guidelines for excused/unexcused absences. **Unexcused absences from performances or workshops can result in your child not being able to attend the trip. Doublers are expected to attend all performances for both groups.**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – In order to meet the school attendance requirements to travel with us, students must have no more than 7 unexcused absences throughout the school year. You must be in school 3 ½ hours of instructional time to be counted present for the school day (start of day through 1:00pm).

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION – 1-5 days (cumulative) – If a student receives ISS in any class at any given time during the school year resulting in 1-5 days collectively, the student is still eligible for the trip.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION – 6+ days – If a student receives ISS in any class at any given time during the school year resulting in 6+ days collectively, the student is NOT eligible for the trip.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION - If a student receives OSS in any class at any given time during the school year, they will not be allowed to attend the trip.

GRADES – If a student earns a report card grade in Band/Chorus/Orchestra lower than a B, or has a report card grade lower than a B in those classes at the time of the trip, they will not be allowed to attend the trip. If a student earns a report card grade in any other class lower than a D for the first, second, or third nine-week grading periods, then they will not be allowed to attend the trip.

REFUNDS - The initial deposit of \$150 is non-refundable. If a student becomes ineligible for the trip, refunds will only be given for additional money paid by the end of the school day on Wednesday, February 14th.

- Between February 15th and March 30th, refunds will only be given for additional money paid minus an additional \$50. Note that the end of the third nine-week period happens during this time frame.
- Between March 31st and April 13th, refunds will only be given for additional money paid minus an additional \$75.
- Between April 14th and April 21st, refunds will only be given for additional money paid minus an additional \$100.
- No refunds of any kind are issued after Wednesday, April 21st.

The music department is excited and looking forward to our upcoming trip and performance/workshop in Orlando. **A packet with all of the details of the trip will be coming home Wednesday, November 8th (the day after the Disney Parent Meeting).**

Sincerely,

Suzanne Tingle
Band Director

Jay Champion
Chorus Director

Linda Stephens
Orchestra Director

Caitlin Watts
Assistant Band Director

Kacy Bishop
Assistant Chorus Director

Catherine Lacasse
Assistant Orchestra Director

**PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS TRIP!**

**Signing this document allows the student to be eligible for the Disney trip but
does not guarantee their participation.**

**ALL 8th GRADE BAND, CHORUS and ORCHESTRA STUDENTS MUST READ AND
SIGN THIS DOCUMENT as a BEHAVIOR CONTRACT**

My student, _____, and I have read and accept the guidelines
as stated for the LMMS Music Department Disney Trip.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Please circle group(s) –

Band

Chorus

Orchestra

LMMS MUSIC DEPARTMENT CHAPERONE INTEREST

If you are interested in chaperoning the Disney trip, please write down your name and contact information (phone & email) below. Because chaperoning a trip of this magnitude requires a lot of work, the Music Department will pay for half of the cost of the trip for all chaperones.

- Please keep in mind that all chaperones will be selected based on chaperone participation during the student's 3 years in the music department.
- The number of students attending the trip completely dictates how many chaperones of each gender that we will need.
- If you feel that it is necessary for your participation depending upon special circumstances with your student, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can start the planning process.
- **Indicating your interest does not guarantee a chaperone position.** Potential chaperones will be contacted in January, after the non-refundable student trip deposit is due.